



Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board is Seeking Applications for Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members (Volunteer, Unpaid Position)

BACKGROUND

The Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (Board) was formed through state legislation to lead implementation of salmon recovery efforts in the Lower Columbia region of southwest Washington. The region extends from the mouth of the Columbia River upstream to, and including, the Little White Salmon River in Skamania County. The mission of the Board is to recover Endangered Species Act listed salmon and steelhead to healthy and harvestable levels that will sustain productive sport, commercial and tribal fisheries. Recovery efforts are focused on the restoration and protection of the ecosystems upon which these fish depend, and the implementation of supportive hatchery and fishery practices. This is accomplished through the coordinated implementation of locally developed watershed management and salmon recovery plans.

The Board's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is currently composed of representatives from the Washington Departments of Ecology, Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife and Transportation, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and other persons with expertise in salmon recovery. The main function of the TAC is to:

- Evaluate and rank habitat restoration and conservation projects and submit findings and recommendations to the Board;
- Assist the Board in efforts to assess factors limiting the recovery of fish;
- Advise the Board on matters relating to the implementation of the federally adopted recovery plan; and,
- Assist with updates to the regional habitat strategy that guides recovery work.

The TAC meets the second Wednesday of each month, from 10:00 AM to 12:00PM, at the LCFRB office in Vancouver, WA. TAC meetings are currently held virtually and in-person. Members typically contribute 5-10 hours per month to the program, with time increasing by up to a week during the annual salmon recovery grant round (March – July). TAC members are expected to actively participate in meetings and on committees, with responsibility for scoring and ranking projects, providing input and recommendations to sponsors, staff, and Board members, and participating in Board special initiatives.

The Board is looking to both expand the number of TAC members, as well as the expertise represented. The goal of expanding the number of TAC members and skill sets is to broaden the technical robustness of project reviews, bring additional expertise to other Board initiatives, and help balance project scoring by ensuring projects are viewed through multiple technical perspectives.

REQUIREMENTS FOR TAC SERVICE

Interested candidates should have:

1. Experience and knowledge in one or more areas of salmon recovery, such as fluvial geomorphology, fish and landscape ecology, water quality, aquatic habitat restoration methods and approaches, fish passage, and/or environmental engineering;
2. Education and/or employment experience that demonstrates professionalism, leadership ability, collaborative skills, and ability to communicate effectively;
3. A willingness to participate collaboratively in TAC functions and activities;
4. An ability to meet the time commitment requirements; and,
5. A demonstrated interest and passion in the organization's mission and goals.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume, including the following information:

1. Qualifications for the position including occupational/employment background, and work and education in areas of desired technical expertise;
2. Your interest in involvement with the LCFRB and its TAC; and,
3. A description of the skills and/or strengths you would bring to the TAC; and,
4. At least two academic and/or professional references.

Email letters of interest and resumes to the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board Program Manager, Denise Smee, at dsmee@lcfrib.gen.wa.us. Application review is on-going.

Find information about the Board and TAC on our website at www.lcfrib.org.